

(b) The main factors affecting production were restrictions in the supply of power and poor quality and inadequate availability of indigenous coking coal as well as some technological deficiencies in the plant\*.

#### Production of Steel

229. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks sixteenth among the steel producing countries of the world;

(b) what was the total output of raw steel in India during the years 1981 to 1984 separately and what is the target for 1985; and

(c) what is the amount allotted unit-wise for modernisation of the steel plants during the year 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the publication "World Steel in figures 1984", published by International Iron & Steel Institute, India ranks 16th among the major steel producing countries during the years 1982 and 1983.

(b) The information is given below:—• (in

million

| Year               | Output of raw steel |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1981-82            | 10.8                |
| 1982               | 11.0                |
| 1983               | 10.2                |
| 1984 (Provisional) | 10.5                |

The output of raw steel in India during the year 1985 is likely to be 12.5 million tonnes.

(c) For the year 1984-85, in the budget estimates, the following provisions were

made for the modernisation of steel plants:—

| Plant                 | (Rs. in Crores)                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
|                       | 1984-85<br>(Budget<br>Estimates) |
| Durgapur Steel Plant  | 1.00                             |
| Rourkela Steel Plant  | 1.00                             |
| 118th O-Burnpur Works | 1.02                             |

#### Finalisation of 1984-85 Annual Plan for West Bengal

230. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Annual Plan for West Bengal for the year 1984-85 (has not yet been finalised due to insistence of the Central Government for cutting down the Plan size from that envisaged by the West Bengal Government; and

(b) if so, what are the grounds advanced by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Annual Plan of West Bengal for the year 1984-85 could not be finalised because of the insistence of the Government of West Bengal on having a Plan much larger in size than feasible with the resources available.

#### Setting up of a Currency Notes Printing Press in West Bengal

231. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for dis setting